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PRICE TWOPENCE

BIRTHS.

ILLAWARRA S. N. CO'S STEAMERS.—TO WOLLONGONG.—To-night, at 11; and to-morrow, 9.15 a.m. K. A. — To-night, at 11. MERRIMAN, Edith and Tathra.—To-morrow, 9.15 a.m. SHOALHAWAN.—To-morrow, at 11 p.m. ULLADULLA and CLYDE.—Friday, 9.15 a.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MILES FOR ONE SHILLING: RETURN, EIGHTHRENPENCE.

PARRAMATTA AND RIVER STEAMERS.—TO PITTSTOWN, and 9.15, 11, 1, 3, 5.

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PRODUCE, PROVISIONS ETC.

VINEGAR in BULK and BOTTLE. **MONK'S** Vinegar Works, 251, Sussex-st., and Barker's Lane. **MAGAREY'S** sun-dried All-side FLOUR and N. Z. Oatmeal, on SALE. Bright, Bros., & Co., 52, Pitt-st. **JOSEPH'S** WEARNE, Anchor Flax Mill, foot of Pitt-street, Sydney. **SILK**-dressed Superfine Flax, seconds Flours. Kiln-dried Corn Meal, the best and cheapest in Sydney. **PRIME** Port Mysore POTATOES, now landing at Market Wharf, Sydney, for the purchase. **BARROW, MOXHAM, and CO.**, 56, Clarence-street. **AUSTRALIAN WINE**.—Carmichael's Porphyry, in sealed Hock, equal to the finest Rhine wine 21s dozen quarts; 12d dozen pints. **Agents** for Sydney. **S. BIRD** and **O.**, Circular Quay.

CALIFORNIAN ASPARAGUS very fine. **W. S. BIRD** and **O.**, Circular Quay.

PRIME MUS BEEF on POKE: Bristol TRIM-E, in jars. **H. S. BIRD** and **O.**, Circular Quay.

ANGLO-SWISS MILK, Milkman bound, just landed. **A** is said that Crang Farm, in Queensland, consisting of 165 acres, lately purchased by Mr. R. Gailey for £4000, is to be laid out by the proprietor into a model suburban village, with reserves for pleasure-grounds, markets, schools, and public buildings.

The Sydney City and Suburban Sewage and Heath Board have published their eleventh progress report, in which is disclosed numerous instances of over-crowded dwellings, bad ventilation, and imperfect drainage in the city, especially in the Chinese quarter, in Lower George-street, where squalid immorality prevail to such a degree as to demand special supervision.

An interesting paper was read by Dr. Milford before the microscopic section of the Royal Society on Friday afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the seventh annual report of the directors, and also to elect two auditors. Present—The Hon. S. D. Gordon in the chair; the Hon. G. W. Allen, deputy controller; Messrs. John Davies, M.L.A., S. Dickinson, and B. B. Hall, directors. There was also a large attendance.

On the 17th instant Mr. Parkes made a presentation of prizes, consisting of handsomely-bound books, at a meeting of the Engineering Association. The prize-takers were students who competed in a class intended to give proficiency in acquired mechanics. Mr. Davies afterwards read a continuation of his paper on the calorific properties of New South Wales coals.

The following extracts have been selected from letters received to this date, and the majority are respectfully solicited the patronage of the general public of the Australian colonies.

"I am directed by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Robinson to return you many thanks for your kind present of six boxes of the Australian Redish, and I am of the opinion that they consider it most excellent. They intend to use it exclusively at Government House, and to recommend it to others."

From T. S. Mort, Esq.

"I like your Australian Redish much, for whilst it is a pale spirit to the appetites, it does not appear to have anything in it likely to do harm to the stomach."

From a well-known Clergyman in Sydney. "I think I am acquainted with all the salts, but your Australian Redish is, in my judgment, the very best, and is quite distinctive in character."

Sold retail by all grocers and storekeepers throughout the Australian colonies, and wholesale by all wholesale houses and the numerous firms.

WASHINGTON H. SOUL, 221, Pitt-street. **B**READ-STUFFS on SALE by the undersigned, in Sydney, to arrive:

DAWSON'S **YERCO'S** **MARGAREY'S** **DUNN'S** **COOK'S** **POTHE** and **ROBERT'S** **ALFRED PALMER'S** **FERGUSON'S** **GARRETT'S** **VERCO'S** **S**IXTY **SHILLINGS** **DADELADE WHEAT**, prime samples **BRAN**, **N. Z.** **OATMEAL**, ditto **WHEAT**, ditto **ALFRED DARE**, 46, Pitt-street.

SILK-DRESSED **Surfing**, fine, and Seconds Flours. When: **Meal**, **Meal**, **Patent**, **Meal**, **Bran**, and **Oatmeal**, best qualities, at lowest prices. **JOHN EDEGATE** and **SON**, Sussex street South, and **Yarrawa-street**.

HORTICULTURAL, FARMING, ETC.

FINE ORANGE TREES—The most beautiful kinds, crater of the citrus orange stocks, which have proved to be the best, including common orange, Thermo, and Emperor Mandarin, and bitter or Seville orange: also the following varieties imported by the Government:—No. 5. Narancia Mexicana; No. 6. Narancia Prata; No. 7. Narancia Mexicana; No. 8. Narancia Prata; No. 9. Narancia Mexicana; No. 10. Narancia Prata; No. 11. Narancia Mexicana; No. 12. Narancia Prata; No. 13. Narancia Mexicana; No. 14. Narancia Prata; No. 15. Narancia Mexicana; No. 16. Narancia Prata; No. 17. Narancia Mexicana; No. 18. Narancia Prata; No. 19. Narancia Mexicana; No. 20. Narancia Prata; No. 21. Narancia Mexicana; No. 22. Narancia Prata; No. 23. Narancia Mexicana; No. 24. Narancia Prata; No. 25. Narancia Mexicana; No. 26. Narancia Prata; No. 27. Narancia Mexicana; No. 28. Narancia Prata; No. 29. Narancia Mexicana; No. 30. Narancia Prata; No. 31. Narancia Mexicana; No. 32. Narancia Prata; No. 33. Narancia Mexicana; No. 34. 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OUR LONDON LETTER.

FRIDAY, JULY 7.

The volcano is in eruption; but how long it will go on, or how far the streams of lava and cinder-showers will reach, no one presumes to foretell. Servia declared war against Turkey a week ago, after sending to Constantinople an extraordinary letter offering to become "the auxiliary of the Sultan, ordered by Providence to aid him in regenerating the East through the East," and desiring him to "give orders to the Turkish authorities that they should support the Servian army in this its task." Already we hear that both sides have won victories, captured thousands of prisoners, and put to flight the armies of the alien; but as telegrams are supervised, no faith can be placed in the reports, and we must await the arrival upon the scene of special correspondents, who will be more impartial and more concerned to communicate the facts of the case. Servia lies open to attack on the south by the valley of the Morava, and the Turks hold several forts along her frontier. While the Khedive is sending some thousands of troops to the aid of his master, Montenegro, Herzegovina, and Bosnia are siding with the Servians, who receive a more valuable support in Russian volunteers.

The attitude of the great Powers is not definitively assumed. Men talk here freely of Russia as fully prepared to take Constantinople; while others rejoice that neither England nor Germany would tolerate such a step. We may hope she will be of the more sober view expounded to me yesterday by a gentleman from St. Petersburg, who said the present Emperor was not of the "Russia party," to which his predecessor, Nicholas, belonged, and that the country had suffered so terribly in the loss of her best men in the Crimean war that she was not likely to repeat such a suicidal policy. In our Houses of Parliament the Ministry have been singularly reticent; and now public meetings are being held calling on them to give a distinct assurance to the country that England will not drift or be drawn into the war. There is a widespread distrust of Mr. Disraeli, and a fear lest, if no assurance is given before the session closes, the recess may witness a dangerous zeal, which it will be impossible then to arrest. So far as German opinion can be gathered, it is considered here to be in favour of the Turks; for, though not overtly friendly to them, "still less are the Germans in the Russian interest. Our people," they say, "do not account it conducive to European welfare that Russian rule should be established in the Balkan Peninsula." France felt herself humiliated by having no share in the Andrassey Note and earlier negotiations. Accordingly, she recently took the initiative for a collective step of the Powers to restrain Servia. Which way she would go cannot be doubtful; it must be against Germany, even though she has to turn against her old ally the Turk, and embrace her old for the Bear. Any general *meilleur* of this kind we may, however, decline at present to consider. All that is needed is to understand which way the sympathies of the various nations incline.

France is occupied with the plans for her Exhibition of 1878. The Champ de Mars is selected as the site, and an area of 210,000 square metres recommended, at an expense of half again as much as was spent in 1867. The Minister of Commerce and Agriculture is President of the Commission, and already claims for space both in the Palace and the Park are pouring in on him. The exhibition of apparatus for saving life, at Brussels, is a miserable failure as regards attendance. In place of the expected 2000, there are barely 100 or 150 visitors a day, and the city is more empty than it usually is at this season.

Let me now turn to a few Colonial topics. The heavy decline at the wool sales I have already noticed; since then they have dragged on with a little more spirit, but no improvement in prices. The fall ranges from 10 to 25 per cent. Messrs. Williams report the tone in the sale room as flat, in spite of the announcement that the duration of the series would be curtailed, and a portion of the arrivals held over. As compared with the Spring rates, greasy merino wools of all kinds were about 2d. per lb. lower, ordinary washed fleece, and scoured Australian, 3d. lower; and superior washed fleece ditto, 1d. to 2d.

A discussion on Australian wines took place at the meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute a few days ago, upon the reading of a paper by Mr. Fallon. To the surprise of many who were present, the tone of those who spoke was adverse to the wines on two grounds. 1. On the question of duties; and 2. on the difficulty of keeping the quality of the wine uniform. Some arrivals had been decidedly inferior, and speakers like Mr. Michie and Mr. McArthur did not hesitate to express their candid opinion of some of the wine they had tasted. The Colonial Institute held a successful conversation at the South Kensington Museum. It was expected that Sir Salter Jung would have been present as a lion of attraction; but he was unable to release himself from a State banquet.

The project of an Imperial Museum for India and the Colonies has not been taken up with much spirit by the general public, though Colonials are warming in its favour. A private and preliminary meeting was held the other day, and it is now proposed to ask the Lord Mayor to convene a public meeting on the subject. A memorial lying at the Jerusalem Coffee-house has been numerously signed, and it is thought that if Colonials can be well canvassed, there will be a strong case in its support.

The Stevenson affair at Melbourne gives the Times of this morning a text from which to preach on the practical inconveniences which arise out of a system of protection, one being "the effect of an incessant and demoralizing suspicion in the minds of Government officials to destroy confidence, directness of officials, respect for individual freedom, and many other things of which Englishmen are equally proud." As to the detention of the firm's correspondence, it remarks that "the Ministers shrank with discreditable timidity from facing the choice of opening the letters or receding from an untenable position and giving up the correspondence;" while the final menace made by the Customs shewed "a spirit of revengeful vexatiousness." The merits of the case as they may, "the ingenuity with which the Government have put themselves in the wrong cannot be disputed." A powerful voice on the right side will be added when Bishop Moore reaches Melbourne. His congregation at St. James's, Paddington, have presented him with a purse of £900 and a pair of silver-branch candlesticks, the latter possibly as emblems of the light that is in his life and teaching.

It is announced to-day that the Go-

vernment have created a new office—that of Legal Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and that Sir Julian Pauncefote, Assistant Secretary for the Colonies, has been appointed to fill it. Some scandal has been occasioned here by the presentation of himself to the colonelcy of the 17th Lancers, better known as the "Death and Marrow Bones" regiment, by H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge, who already has at least £7000 a year from the Army Estimates.

The journal of Commodore Goodenough during his last command as senior officer of the Australian station has been published by Messrs. H. S. King and Co. A review in the journal for which he went out in 1870 and administered relief to the famishing "lagers round Sedan out of the Peasant Relief Fund, speaks of the memoir and journal as "a most interesting story of a noble and dutiful life;" the volume is illustrated with maps and engravings.

The office of Agent-General for New Zealand is filled by Sir W. T. Power, K.C.B., and the appointment of a successor to Mr. Featherston.

The Samuel Plimsoll has sailed with emigrants for Sydney, and the Nineteen of the same line has been taken up for the like purpose.

Of strictly home news there is little to communicate. A very successful review of some 30,000 volunteers was held by the Prince of Wales in Hyde Park last Saturday. On the 4th instant a festive gathering of American citizens was held to celebrate the birthday of the great Republic, and a humorous speech was delivered by the Hon. Pierrepont, the new American Minister. He made a good deal of fun out of his prolonged residence in England, enabling him to understand her policy to America—the said residence being of exactly two hours' duration.

Everybody has heard of Saltaire, the model village, with no public-houses and nothing in it of what is bad. It is now all "on strike," the men not feeling sufficiently grateful to Sir Titus Salt to hail the prospect of lowered wages.

The School of Cookery at South Kensington goes on and flourishes. Practice classes for young ladies are held in the morning, and in the afternoon the elder girls, from the National and other schools, receive instruction. Advertisements for "lady helps" in the kitchen, parlour, and nursery, are on the increase, and there is no lack of applicants.

A pair of massive bronze gates, with ten bas-reliefs from the Pilgrim's Progress, have been presented by the Duke of Bedford to the Buxton Church and congregation, and was unveiled a couple of days ago, a lecture being delivered on the occasion by the Rev. Dr. Stoughton.

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OUR BERLIN LETTER.

BERLIN, JULY 4.

Events in Eastern Europe have advanced to another very serious stage. Prince Milan of Servia has issued a war manifesto to his army, and has addressed an ultimatum to the Porte, proposing that he should be installed as Viceroy of Bosnia under the sovereignty of the Sultan, and the leader of the insurgents is said to have proclaimed him in that capacity. The manifesto, after describing the course events have taken in Bosnia and in the Herzegovina, and alluding to the difficult position in which Servia is placed, says that the Prince, animated by ideas of moderation, offered to send a delegate to Constantinople to come to an understanding with the Turkish Government. The Porte, ignoring this conciliatory offer, replied by sending fresh troops to the frontier. Bands of Thracians, Armaties, and Kourder envelop the frontier in order to subject Servia to fire and the sword. In presence of this imminent danger the attitude of moderation hitherto observed would be weakness. It is necessary to enter the insurgent country in order to pacify it, and to organise there the principle of justice and legality without distinction of religion and without failing to respect the integrity of the Ottoman Empire. The Porte, which had already denounced the Prince to the Great Powers as a disloyal vassal, who violates solemn pledges, has replied to the demand of Prince Milan, that this arrangement, to install him as Viceroy of Bosnia might be considered if proposed in another form, but that before it could be accepted the Servian troops must disarm and retire from the frontier. The Servian agent at Constantinople, acting under orders, has declined these conditions, and has left the Turkish capital.

To understand all these proceedings it is necessary to say some words about the events which took place during the last few weeks at Constantinople. Two weeks after the deposition and the suicide of Sultan Abdul Aziz, a new dark and suspicious tragedy occurred at Stamboul. Major Hassan Bey, a former aide-de-camp of Abdul Aziz, broke in upon the Turkish troops in Stamboul, and killed the War Minister Hussein Avni Pasha and the Foreign Minister, Rachid Pasha, wounding also Admiral Kaissest Ahmed Pasha. He besides killed a secretary of Midhat Pasha, a policeman, and an aide-de-camp, who were arrested to arrest him. The assassin's motive is said to have been vengeance upon Hussein Avni Pasha, but the true cause and history of these murders, as of the previous death of the Sultan, will perhaps never be known, but in both cases the simplest and least alarming explanation becomes more and more probable. It seems now to be the opinion of the European residents that the ex-Sultan committed suicide, and, according to one of the accounts, Hassan Bey was brother of a wife of Abdul Aziz. It is also suspected that the Sultan's Validie may have used Hassan to take vengeance for the deposition of her son. The solution of these mysteries is only important as it may give a personal or a political character to events which are otherwise merely matters of curiosity. The immediate consequences of the tragedy was thought to be an increase of the chances of peace. Hussein Avni was the consistent advocate of a vigorous suppression of the insurrection, though he may perhaps not have objected to the exterior measures for the benefit of the Christian population. If his counsels had been successfully followed six months ago, it is probable that many subsequent complications would have been avoided. Neither Russia nor Austria were then prepared to defend the insurgents of the Herzegovina against Turkey, but Hussein's policy of carrying the war into Servia and Montenegro would almost certainly have involved a collision with Russia.

The opinions which are attributed to Midhat Pasha seem, even in the interest of Turkey, to be preferable to those of his late colleague and

opponent. It is understood that he is free from the ordinary Turkish prejudices against the Christians; and, in a provincial Government, he seems to have succeeded in inspiring confidence to all classes of the population. Even a statesman of less intelligence could hardly fail to understand that all the benefit which has been derived through fortune and through diplomacy consists in a respite of limited duration from foreign interference. Midhat Pasha was anxious to make use of the interval; but his task is difficult, and perhaps desperate.

The antagonism between the British, and Russian Governments in their views about the settlement of the pending Eastern difficulties has come to light, unceasing efforts have been made to efface this antagonism and bring about an understanding by direct negotiations between them; the other Powers are withdrawing into the second line. This was so much more indicated, as by the Berlin stipulations Russia had been entrusted with the post of leader in the action of the five Powers; and as this action had been checked by the opposition of England, favoured as it was by the events in Constantinople, the result of the negotiations has been to bring about an approach between the views of England and Russia just on the point where such an approach seemed the most doubtful—namely, on the maximum which might be offered to the insurgents of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Already last year Russia favoured the idea of giving an autonomy to these Provinces similar to that enjoyed by Servia and Roumania, and in the negotiations which have been going on of late with England, this idea, which had been abandoned, has been revived by Russia. This seems to be no objection to the idea as such, on the part of the British Government; on the contrary, it was accepted conditionally as an eventual mode of solution. As before, the view of the British Government is that the Turks ought to be allowed time and full freedom to carry out the pacification, if need be, by armed force. And only if they should not succeed in mastering the insurrection with all its possible ramifications, then the Powers should step in and propose an arrangement on the basis of giving autonomy to these provinces. Austria has taken all steps to mobilize her army in the shortest time possible, and Russia has followed the same way. Only in Germany there exists a deliberate disinclination to believe that troublous times are looming ahead, or that this country will be involved, should a crisis supervene after all. Germany in the present generation has been so frequently disturbed by war and rumours of war, that the wish to evade another conflict is very intelligible. Although three successive campaigns have resulted in victory, and the last led to the realisation of the long-cherished dream of unity, the wounds inflicted under the military organization of a land in which most able people are obliged to serve in the ranks are too severe to be easily forgotten. Independent of this, the last war has been attended with peculiarly injurious consequences to industry and commerce. Government spent a considerable portion of the famous five millions more rapidly than it could have been absorbed in the regular course of trade, and this led to over-speculation and the establishment of bubble companies, succeeded by terrible reaction in due time. When the bubble burst, capitalists found themselves fleeced of their money to an enormous amount, while manufacturers discovered they were egregiously mistaken in counting upon increased consumption, when a few only had been enriched and a large number impoverished. Worst of all, the commercial bacchanalia following the arrival and injudicious expenditure of the foreign gold, created a sudden demand for hands, which sent up wages and provisions to an unprecedented height. Thus, while losses were general, living became more expensive, and the sale of manufactured articles fell off by the combined agency of diminished resources and inflated prices. In the commercial depression which has since supervened, wages and provisions have certainly gone down a little, though not by any means to the degree warranted, and indeed required, by the financial position of the country. Yet commerce is still very dull, and the public is far from having recovered from the disastrous results of their late monetary speculations. At this inauspicious moment rumours of war dawn upon the country afresh. It is surprising that people should be disposed to believe them. It is not only too natural that they should wish to keep out of the fray—nay that they should hope to be able to do so, considering the distance intervening between Germany and Turkey and the little direct interest this country has in the Sultan's affairs. If I add that politicians take a different view of the case, I should qualify the statement by the remark that in the prevailing indifference of the masses, statesmen are at liberty to follow their own bent in this intricate affair. They are making free use of license allowed them. Some leading newspapers have always insisted upon the question being treated from a political, not from a sentimental point of view, other journals have taken a different view, and extolling Russia for services rendered, betray a visible anxiety to oblige Russia in return. The organs of the advanced Liberals are more agreed upon the subject, being nearly all opposed to further aggrandisement of the Czar. But when we come to the Conservatives we find the majority favourable to Russia, and a small minority only in a mood to calculate what the policy of the St. Petersburg Cabinet would be if the Balkan Peninsula was placed under its direct or indirect control. The like considerations cannot be foreign to the German Cabinet. However improbable it may be that the German Emperor, the uncle and friend of Alexander II., will bring himself actively to oppose his cherished nephew and ally, it is none the less to be anticipated that this country will not contribute towards the expansion of Russia at the risk of imperilling its own safety in future and perhaps very distant times. Neither Government nor people can have forgotten the activity with which the Powers would, according to the Russian view, fix some limits to the armed intervention of Turkey, and prevent the latter from going beyond certain bounds. The Government of Austria is rather inclined to side with England, trusting to the Turks themselves, that they would know where to stop, which would not prevent the Powers from stepping in if the Turks did not find the limit to which they would go.

You see there are many questions to be settled before the diplomatic policy will succeed. For the moment diplomats seem to have relaxed their activity, and the Russian Government, except as far as it acts through Servia, complies with its undertaking to allow the Sultan a short interval of freedom from pressure. But the Russian newspapers have become more clamorous than ever for interference in Turkey, and if possible, more outrageous in their vituperation of England. The immediate consequences of the tragedy was thought to be an increase of the chances of peace. Hussein Avni was the consistent advocate of a vigorous suppression of the insurrection, though he may perhaps not have objected to the exterior measures for the benefit of the Christian population. If his counsels had been successfully followed six months ago, it is probable that many subsequent complications would have been avoided. Neither Russia nor Austria were then prepared to defend the insurgents of the Herzegovina against Turkey, but Hussein's policy of carrying the war into Servia and Montenegro would almost certainly have involved a collision with Russia.

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or concealing a divergence which might in its

possible progress have provided France with

a powerful ally. It may, therefore, be con-

jectured that the pertinacious adherence of

England to the principle of peace and non-

interference is regarded favourably at Berlin.

It is certain, that France had no desire for war

in any part of Europe.

It is not improbable that in the first moment

the Servians may have the advantage.

The Turkish army is not known to possess any

considerable commander, and the troops have

hitherto been badly supplied with provisions

and war material. The combatants of

both sides belong to hardy and warlike

races, but probably the Servian

militia may be more enthusiastic than the

Turkish levies, and their Russian officers

possess military experience and skill.

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C'URCIER and A'ET have on SALE—Fencing Wire, No. 6; bicarbonate soda, white beans, and green peas, in cases; preserved peans and beans; 1-lb. tins; mush-rooms, truffles, pastes-de-toe-gras, earking machines.

DRAPERY, HABERDASHERY, ETC.

D E N I S O N H O U S E, 376, 378, and 380, George-street, opposite the Bank of New South Wales.

SPRING SEASON 1876.

TO OUR NUMEROUS PATRONS and the PUBLIC GENERALLY.

We have great pleasure in calling attention to our very comprehensive assortment of NOVELTIES in every VARIETY OF FABRIC, adapted for the PRESENT SEASON, and for which we are showing the following THIRTY-THREE DEPARTMENTS.

1. Coloured Silks	19. Household Drapery
2. Black Silks	20. Furnishing
3. Silk Costumes	21. Muslin Curtains
4. Mantles	22. Carpet
5. Drapery	23. Mouldings and Drapery
6. Dress Materials	24. Ribbons
7. Costumes	25. Haberdashery
8. Ball Dresses	26. Millinery
9. Printed Muslins	27. Fully Mourning
10. Drapery	28. Satin
11. Embroideries	29. Men's Mercury, Umbrellas, and Hats
12. Trimmings	30. Portmanteaus and Travelling Bags
13. Fancy Goods	31. Portmanteaus and Travelling Bags
14. Juvenile Costumes	32. Ready-made Clothing
15. Household Utensils	33. Blankets.

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MANUFACTURERS OF LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERCLOTHING AND MILLINEYER GOODES.

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EVERY REQUISITE FOR FAMILY OR COMPLIMENTARY MOURNING.

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The recent addition of a LARGE SHOW-ROOM for Costumes enables us to display a greater variety of MODELS than before, and we have selected the following in our NOVELTIES, and at all prices.

The EXTENSION of our PREMIERES in other directions also provides greater ACCOMMODATION in other departments of our business.

Soliciting the favour of a personal inspection or order.

We beg to remain, your very obedient, THOMPSON and GILES.

NO TICE TO SHIPMasters, BOATBUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, SHIPCHANDLERS.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF ROBERT JAMISON, of King-street West, Shipchandler.

GREAT CLEARING-OUT SALE, for ONE WEEK ONLY, AT COST PRICE, the above STOCK.

Every description of Shipchandlery on hand. Must all be sold within the week ending SATURDAY, 26th instant, premises being Let.

342, GEORGE-STREET.—Made to order Black Suits, 24s; Angora Trousers, 16s 6d; Tweed Suits, 22s 6d; Trouser from choice material, 21s. All materials made up shrunk. D. J. HUMPHREYS, Tailor.

BARGAINS. BARGAINS. BARGAINS.

RILEY, BROTHERS' SEMI-ANNUAL SALE, TO-DAY.

French Mincers, 11d; Turkish Towels, M. Turkish Towels, Md; Turkish Towels, 9d.

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Japanese Silks, 11d; Honeycomb Towels, 4d; Honeycomb Towels, 4d.

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AUCTION SALES

27 Packages Drapery, Clothing, Woolens, Manchester Goods, Hosiery, &c.
TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, August 22nd and 23rd.
MR. CHARLES TEAKLE has been instructed to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 7, Worcester-street, on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY next, August 22nd and 23rd, 27 packages new drapery, &c.
Terms of sale.

DEALS,
PIPE FURNACES,
and
JUNK PIECES.

By Beautiful Star.
Now Stacked at Towns' Wharf.

By order of the Consignees.

GILCHRIST, STUBBS, and WESTON will sell by auction, at Towns' Wharf, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 22nd August, at 1 o'clock, 45,000 feet pine, deal, and oak.

Full particulars at sale.

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, SILVER PLATE, LINEN, BOOKS, &c.

Removed to the Rooms for conveniences of sale.

By order of the Executors.

GILCHRIST, STUBBS, and WESTON will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on WEDNESDAY, 23rd August, at 11 o'clock.

A small but valuable assortment of the above, full particulars of which will be given at sale.

Terms, cash.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1876.

UNCLAIMED POWDER, CARTRIDGES, &c.

In the Great Island Magazine.

Under instructions from the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.

To Contractors, Ironmongers, Stovekeepers, and others.

JOHN G. COHEN will sell by auction, at 256, George-street, opposite Young and Lark's, on WEDNESDAY, 23rd August, at 11 o'clock precisely.

On account of view.

1 package, containing 2000 cartridge balls, Martini-Henry rifle.

1 ditto, ditto 30 cartridges, shot breech-loading central fire.

16 packages, each containing 45 lbs. blasting powder.

2 quarter barrels, each 25 lbs. blasting powder.

3 metal magazines, each 15 lbs. fine grain powder.

SHIP STORES, &c.

4 half barrels galvanised tin, tin grain and common grain.

1 quarter ditto, ditto.

2 cases and 10 trunks.

1 case 1 barrel assorted powder, shot, cartridges, &c.

The above at Rooms, and

On view prior to sale.

TERMS, cash.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22.

TO FANCY WAREHOUSEMEN, STOREKEEPERS, DEALERS, &c.

3 CASES ZINC MIRRORS.

MR. L. L. SALAMON has been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, at his Rooms, No. 201 and 202, Pitt-street, on TUESDAY next, the 22nd August, at 11 o'clock.

3 cases, containing zinc mirrors, No. 6 to 4.

TERMS, cash.

TUESDAY, 22nd AUGUST.

TO WATCHMAKERS, JEWELLERS, FANCY WAREHOUSEMEN, PRIVATE GENTLEMEN, DEALERS, and OTHERS.

On account of those concerned.

LARGE PEREMPTORY AND UNRESERVED SALE of

VALUABLE and ELEGANT WATCHES JEWELLERY,

consisting of English 18-Carat Gold Gent's Keyless Watches

Ditto Sterling Silver ditto ditto

German 18-Carat Gold ditto ditto

Ladies' Chased and Enamelled Gold Keyless Watches

Ditto Gold Open-face and Half Hunters

Gent's 18 and 15-Carat Colonial Manufactured Alberts

Ladies' Long Chains, Short Chains, and Lozenges

Gent's steering Silver Alberts, Silver Thimbles

Ladies and Gent's Gem and Plain Gold Rings, Signet Rings

Gold and Gent's Lockets, Earrings, Pendants

Brooches, Gold Watch Keys, Scarf Pins

Diamond Rings, Carbuncle Suits, &c., &c.

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On account of those concerned.

Each small steamer Aves.

2 cases of the well-assorted goods, of entirely new and fashionable designs.

The auctioneer begs to call the attention of the trade and others to this really bona-fide sale of watches and jewellery, and to assure intending purchasers that as the goods are offered UNDER THE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS, every line will be given to the highest bidder.

The articles will be on view on Monday morning, when an inspection is invited.

In consequence of the number of lines to be offered, every attention on the morning of the sale is requested.

TERMS, cash on delivery.

TUESDAY, 22nd August, 11 a.m.

At the Australian Auction Rooms, Spring and O'Connell streets.

VERY ATTRACTIVE SALE

HIGHLY-FINISHED ELECTROPLATE, beautifully Chased and Engraved, comprising

RANDOM Oval TRAYS, with Handles and Feet, ELEGANT 18 and 24 inches.

MAGNIFICENT Sets DISH COVERS, elaborately embossed, fitted with Movable Star Handles

Brackets, Knives, Forks, &c.

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